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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: "PRG" ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BAC TOLD AMBASSADOR TODAY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD MEET-

ING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD TAKE PLACE MONDAY IN

LONDON. BAC SAID THERE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE DISCUSSION OF INDOCHINA AND, PERHAPS, SOME CONCERTING OF POSITIONS THAT WOULD BE TAKEN BY INDIVIDUAL EC MEMBER COUNTRIES ON ADMISSION OF "PRG" TO 2ND SESSION OF HUMANITARIAN LAW CONFERENCE IN GENEVA ON 3 FEBRUARY. BAC EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IF THERE WAS ANY WAY FOR USG INFLUENCE TO BE BROUGHT

TO BEAR TO PICK UP A FEW MORE VOTES FOR OUR SIDE HE HOPED IT WOULD BE DONE. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT SINCE EMBASSY SAIGON NOT ROUTINELY INFORMED OF EC MATTERS, WE WERE UNAWARE OF SUCH MEETING BUT WOULD TRANSMIT HIS REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT.

2. COMMENT: AS FORMER AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, BAC KEEPS WELL INFORMED. A MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL WOULD NOT LIKELY HAVE INDOCHINA AS MAIN FOCUS. HOWEVER, IF MEETING IS REGULAR MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTORS GENERAL, INDOCHINA MIGHT WELL BE A PRINCIPAL
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TOPIC. IN ANY EVENT, ALTHOUGH THERE IS OBVIOUSLY LITTLE THAT COULD BE

DONE BEFORE MONDAY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPLY FROM DEPART-
MENT AND EMBASSY LONDON WHICH WOULD PERMIT US TO MAKE APPROPRIATE
REPOSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER. END COMMENT
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